



## Management Board Meeting

July 18, 2024  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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**Purpose:** Advancing partnership priority issues leading up to the 2024 EC meeting including issues related to partnership work on Beyond 2025, the partnership's structure and SRS system, accountability framework, and progress related to climate.

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- I. **Getting Started: Order of the Day and Introductions** (1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.)  
*Martha Shimkin, MB Chair*, will kick-off the meeting and facilitate agenda topics.

Materials:

I. Actions and Decisions June 2024 MB

- II. **Update on EC Climate Directive Workplan** ( 1:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)  
This session is a high-level update and overview of the partners' progress toward the Workplan, including jurisdictional and Federal commitments. It underscores how the partnership should organize itself and its resources to be more effective and strategic on climate work.

Background: In October 2021, the Chesapeake Executive Council signed Directive No. 21-1 Collective Action for Climate Change. The Directive acknowledges the consequences of climate change on Chesapeake Bay ecosystems and communities and commits the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) and partners to take concerted steps to address the impacts of climate change in all aspects of the partnership's work to restore the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. In 2022, the partners issued a workplan to tie actions to the Directive.

Requested action: Feedback requested.

Presenter: Bo Williams (EPA) and jurisdictional partners

Relevant Outcomes: All

Materials:

II.a. Presentation: Climate Workplan

II.b. Climate Change Directive Workplan

II.c. Climate Change Directive Workplan Updated to July 2024 MB

II.d. Federal Commitments to Implement the Chesapeake EC Directive Update July 2024

**III. Priority Climate Science Needs** (1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.)

An action in the EC Climate Directive Workplan states to *refine and prioritize climate science needs and develop a resource plan*. To support the prioritization step of this action, STAR worked with each outcome lead to compile one priority climate science need from each outcome. STAR will present on these priority climate science needs to 1) improve partnership understanding of the climate science needs and 2) identify how partner programs' expertise and resources could be further leveraged to address the priority climate science needs. Completing and addressing the climate science needs for all the outcomes will require a stronger engagement and collaboration from all partners.

Requested action: Concurrence from the MB that the partnership should move forward with these priority climate science needs and how their current efforts may support some of these needs. In addition, we request guidance on developing a resource plan to make progress on these priority climate science needs.

*Presenters*: Breck Sullivan (USGS) and August Goldfischer (STAR)

*Relevant Outcomes*: All

Materials:

III. Presentation: Climate Science Needs

**IV. Climate adaptation outcome progress** (1:55 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

The Climate Resiliency Workgroup will provide an update on the Climate Adaptation Outcome and seek feedback from the Management Board on the Outcome. (This is in lieu of a full QPM review which will occur in 2025).

Requested decision: Feedback requested.

*Presenter*: Jackie Specht, CRWG Co-Chair

*Relevant Outcomes*: All

Materials:

IV. Presentation: Climate Adaptation Progress

**V. Pausing the Strategy Review System Requirements for the 2025 WIP Outcome and Postponement of the September Clean Water Quarterly Progress Meeting (for Toxic Contaminants and Water Quality Standards, Attainment and Monitoring Outcomes)**

(2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Due to the compressed schedule for completing work related to Beyond 2025 and preparing for the Executive Council meeting in December 2024, two decisions are being requested from the Management Board today: (1) temporarily pausing the Strategy Review System (SRS) requirements for the 2025 WIP Outcome given the Accountability Framework in place for the partnership's water quality goals and until an alternative path forward can be defined for how the SRS process can support attainment of the 2025 WIP Outcome and (2) postponing the September Quarterly Progress Meeting for the Clean Water Cohort (which also includes the Toxic Contaminants and Water Quality Standards, Attainment and Monitoring Outcomes) until later this year or in 2025.

*Relevant Outcomes*: Water Quality

*Facilitator*: Martha Shimkin (EPA), MB Chair

Requested action: Agreement on temporarily pausing the SRS requirements for the 2025 WIP Outcome and postponing the September QPM for the Clean Water Cohort until later this year or next.

**Break** (2:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.)

- VI. Beyond 2025: Next Steps** (2:35 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)  
This session is an update on the work being conducted by the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee. The Steering Committee co-chairs will provide an update on the direction provided by the PSC during their June 25 meeting as well as an update from the June 27 Beyond 2025 Steering Committee meeting. An overview of the public feedback period on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee's Draft Report will also be provided.  
*Presenters:* Anna Killius (CBC) and Martha Shimkin (EPA), Steering Committee Co-Chairs  
*Relevant Outcomes:* All  
Materials:  
VI. Presentation: Beyond 2025
- VII. Update on 2024 Executive Council Meeting Planning** (3:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.)  
This session is an update on planning activities in preparation for the December 10 Executive Council meeting.  
*Relevant Outcomes:* All  
*Presenter:* Rachel Felver, CBP Communications Director  
Requested action: none; informational only.
- VIII. CBP Structure, Strategy Management System and Logic Model** (3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.)  
This session is brief history of the development of the underlying structure of the Chesapeake Bay Program and the Watershed Agreement: a logic-based "strategy management system" with an implementation framework. It will include a review of the logic sequence and an overview of the partnership's existing logic model (referenced in the recent ERG report).  
*Presenters:* Greg Allen (EPA) and Greg Barranco (EPA)  
*Relevant Outcomes:* All  
Materials:  
VIII. Presentation: CBP Logic Model
- IX. Water Quality Accountability Framework Refresher** (3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.)  
The Chesapeake Bay Water Quality goal is being implemented using an accountability framework that guides restoration efforts using four elements: Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs), two-year milestones, EPA's tracking and assessment of restoration progress and, as necessary, specific federal actions if the Bay states do not meet their water quality commitments. Under the water quality accountability framework, the partnership requested EPA to conduct ongoing oversight of Bay states' programs to ensure they are on track to meet the goals of their WIPs and two-year milestones. This session is refresher of the Bay TMDL, the water quality accountability framework and its ongoing implementation.  
Requested action: none; informational only.  
*Presenters:* Suzanne Trevena (Water Quality GIT Chair), Kelly Gable (EPA, Office of Regional Counsel)  
*Relevant Outcomes:* Water Quality  
Materials:  
IX. Presentation: Accountability Framework Overview
- X. Business Meeting** (3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)  
Discussion about future agenda items, key issues, and program updates.  
*Facilitator:* Martha Shimkin (EPA), MB Chair
- **Update on Agriculture Action Team (5min)**

- **Agenda Items for August MB meeting:**
  - Beyond 2025 - Present final combined recommendations to MB; agree on final changes.
  - New nonpoint source accountability plan
  - Comprehensive report on how NFWF funding is being allocated
  - EC meeting planning update
  - Advisory Committee (2024 and 2025) EC recommendations check-in
  - Developing proposed charges for the Advisory Committees
  - Update on DEIJ Strategy and Implementation Plan
  - Stakeholder Advisory Committee proposal for honorariums
- **Partner Announcements/Updates**

**XI. Wrap Up and Adjourn**

(4:00 p.m.)